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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, NG
SUBJECT: NIGER'S REQUEST FOR C-130S

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE HAS REITERATED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING C-130 PURCHASE DIRECTLY WITH DEPARTMENT WHEN HE IS IN US IN LATE MAY. DJERMAKOYE SAID HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SOME TIME AFTER OPENING OF SSOD MAY 23. RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS C-130 PURCHASE IN DEPTH AND AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AT THAT TIME, IN COORDINATION WITH AMBASSADOR WRIGHT WHOM DJERMAKOYE SAYS HE WILL BE ASKING TO ARRANGE DETAILS OF WASHINGTON VISIT. DJERMAKOYE UNDERSTANDS THAT A LOT OF PRELIMINARY WORK AND SPECIFICS REMAIN TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AND THAT HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO WRAP PURCHASE UP IN COURSE OF THIS TRIP. NEVERTHELESS, PRESIDENT HAS CLEARLY TASKED DJERMAKOYE WITH THIS MATTER AND DJERMAKOYE WANTS TO MOVE AS FAST AND AS DIRECTLY WITH WASHINGTON AS POSSIBLE . BELIEVE IT STRONGLY IN OUR INTEREST TO BE AS ACCOMMODATING AND FORTHCOMING WITH DJERMAKOYE AS WE CAN.

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2. PRESENT STATE OF PLAY IS THAT WE ARE AWAITING PREPARATION OF PRICE AND AVAILABILITY INFORMATION FROM DOD. PERHAPS THIS COULD BE PRESENTED TO DJERMAKOYE WHEN HE IS THERE ALONG WITH EXPLANATION OF NEXT STEPS INVOLVED. GONS PRINCIPLE CONCERN IS APPARENTLY LATE DELIVERY DATE, SINCE IT FEELS IT NEEDS AIRCRAFT BEFORE 1980. GON SO FAR HAS RAISED NO QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCING AND HAS MADE NO

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REQUEST FOR FMS CREDITS. DJERMAKOYE STRONGLY REITERATED TO
ME MAY 2 THAT NIGER HAS NO DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN A
MOUNTING CYCLE CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS BUT THAT IT DOES
HAVE A CLEAR NEED TO BE ABLE TO DEPLOY TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT
IN REMOTENORTHERN AREAS OF COUNTRY FOR BASIC DEFENSIVE
MISSIONS-- READ TO PATROL BORDERS WITH LIBYA AND CHAD.
DJERMAKOYE SAID NIGER HAS NO RPT NO INTEREST IN CIVILIAN-
COMMERCIAL VERSION OF C-130 AND THAT IT WANTS TO KEEP
SALE IN GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CHANNELS. DAVISON

NOTE BY OC/T: MESSAGE DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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